presentation presenting how to use Primis Online" on the PTO-1449 filed April 13, 2004.

Applicant has no further information about this article as it was supplied by an examiner in one

of the co-pending cases (09/489,576).

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, and 11 have been

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Prinzing (USP 6,592,628). Claims 2-5,

7-10 and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prinzing

in view of Cousins et al. (USP 6,351,752). Applicant submits the following in traversal of the

rejections.

II.   **Rejection of claims 1, 6, and 11 under § 102(e) as being anticipated by**

Prinzing

Prinzing discloses a document entity that uses element entities to represent the structure

of text without the content of the text and a separate document entity that contains the content of

the text. Col. 2, lines 30-37. By providing two different documents, Prinzing asserts that

software can be implemented in multiple computer systems without requiring the entire software

application to be rewritten.   Col. 1, line 64 to col. 2, line 4.

Claim 1 recites

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"A method for providing prerequisite checking in a
system for creating compilations from a plurality of
content objects stored in a data repository, each
content object comprising a plurality of content
entities, some of the content entities being
prerequisites to others of the content entities... "
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The Examiner asserts that Prinzing teaches all the elements of claim 1. Claim 1 recites

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"...upon addition or removal of a content entity to or from the
compilation, determining if the content entity has any
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prerequisite content entities, and if so, adding or removing the prerequisite content entities."

The Examiner asserts that the content of the documents in Prinzing can be text, alphanumeric data or any other information contained in a document. However, there is no indication that any such particular text or alphanumeric data is a prerequisite to any other data contained in a document.

The Examiner in addressing the claim limitations of determining if a content entity has any prerequisite content entities, cites col. 2, lines 21-67 and col. 3, lines 27-58 in stating that "the manipulation of content in the storage area includes inserting content in the content entity, removing content from the content entity ... The information retrieved from the element entities is used to manipulate the content stored in the storage area associated with the content entity." However, it is respectfully submitted that those cited portions of Prinzing do not dislcose determining whether a content entity (i.e. text or alphanumeric data as cited by the Examiner) has any prerequisite content entities much less disclosing adding or removing the prerequisite content entities.

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be deemed patentable. Since claims 6 and 11 also include limitations directed to adding or removing the prerequisite content entities, claim 6 and 11 and their dependent claims are also not anticipated by Prinzing.

III.   Rejection of claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prinzing in view of Cousins

Since claims 2-5, 7-10 and claims 12-15 depend upon claims 1, 6 and 11, they should be deemed patentable by virtue of their dependency to patentable claims for the reasons set forth above.

IV.   Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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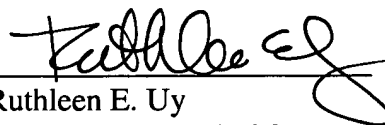
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